

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: May 19, 2004

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Division: Growth Management

Department: Planning and Environmental Res.

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Public hearing to adopt an ordinance amending Section 9.5-119 (Environmental restoration standards and agreements) and Section 9.5-346 (Transplantation Plan), Monroe County Code (MCC) to provide more effective standards for restoration of habitat, eliminate transplantation as a mitigation option and replace it with payment of mitigation fees into the County's "Restoration Fund" to be renamed, and an increase in said fees to act as a stronger deterrent to illegal clearing and development.

[It is requested that this item be continued until June 16, 2004, due to the Planning Commission's continuance]

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Concerns have been raised regarding the illegal clearing of environmentally sensitive lands and development occurring without the benefit(s) of permits. As a result of these concerns, an ordinance to amend Section 6-29, Monroe County Code (MCC) was drafted and approved to increase fees for after-the-fact (ATF) permits, including the provision of mitigation fees for unlawful filling of wetlands. As a result of the amendment to Section 6-29, Growth Management Division staff was directed to prepare amendments to Section 9.5-119, MCC, to strengthen the standards for restoration of habitat areas that are illegally cleared. Staff was also directed to amend Section 9.5-346, MCC, to change the requirements for transplantation to eliminate transplantation as a mitigation option.

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTION: N/A

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☒

AMOUNT PER MONTH ☐ **YEAR** ☐

APPROVED BY: County Attorney ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☒ Risk Management ☐

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: Timothy J. McGarry, AICP

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ To follow ☐ Not required ☒

DISPOSITION:

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